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TAGS: CDES, CARR, SNAR, CO (WILLIAMSON, DON FREDERICK)
SUBJ: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN

REF: MED 0144

1. REFTEL DETAILED INITIAL ACCOUNT BY MEDELLIN SECURITY SOURCES
OF EVENTS LEADING TO DEATH OF U.S. PRISONER DON FREDERICK WILLIAMSON
AND VENEZUELAN COMPANION EDGAR VISO VOLLBRACHT IN UNSUCCESSFUL
ESCAPE ATTEMPT JUNE 7. MANY CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ESCAPE
ATTEMPT STILL HAZY AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO, WITH PRISONERS DEAD
AND NEGLIGENT GUARDS UNDER ARREST.

2. POST HAS CONTACTED ADDITIONAL SECURITY SOURCES, INCLUDING OFFICIALS
OF REGIONAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE BRANCH (F-2) AND CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS), WHOSE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN
SHOOT-OUT WITH PRISONERS. THESE SOURCES SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRM CHAIN
OF EVENTS DESCRIBED REFTEL, WITH IMPORTANT EXCEPTION THAT REPORTS
OF A THIRD PARTY (SUCH AS "COLOMBIAN GUNMAN WITH MATTSON SUBMACHINE
GUN" WHO FACILITATED ESCAPE NOW APPEAR WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

3. ALSO, ACCORDING SOURCES, DEATH TOLL REPORTED REFTEL IS MUCH
EXAGGERATED. NUMBER OF DEAD AS DIRECT RESULT OF ESCAPE ATTEMPT
NOW LISTED OFFICIALLY AS THREE: U.S. PRISONER WILLIAMSON, VENEZUELAN
PRISONER VISO, AND ONE POLICE AGENT OF F-2. WOUNDED (WHOSE CONDITION
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VARIES ACCORDING TO SOURCES) ARE FOUR ADDITIONAL PERSONS: TWO
BYSTANDERS AND TWO POLICEMEN.
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